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TOPIC

Soviet Ammunition Depot in Wilmersdorf

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REMARKS

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Incoming shipments:

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23 June 21 cars with 315 tons of ammunition from Frankfurt/Oder

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7 July 13 cars with special ammunition of 400 mm caliber from Frankfurt/Oder. (1)

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Outgoing shipments:

25 May 31 cars with 465 tons of heavy artillery ammunition to

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27, 29 and 31 May one train each with the same number of cars and the same cargo as that on 25 May

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13 June 5 cars each with mortar ammunition to Finow and Altengrabow, for

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2. On 7 July, source observed a train of which 13 cars remained in Wilmersdorf and 25 cars were sent on to Wulkow. This train had included 16 crash cars, 1 fire brigade car and 1 command car.

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3. the stocks had heavily decreased.

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4. During the period from 30 June to 5 July, the ammunition depot received nine carloads of bricks, i.e. 41.0 3 pieces from the Bichow brickyard near Cottbus.

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5. During the period from 1 June to 2 July, [redacted] the foundations had been laid for 2 buildings rather than for 1 building for 250 men. [redacted] meters each. A pumping [redacted]

6. The ammunition depot consisted of three guard areas, each guarded by 30 soldiers. About 100 soldiers worked daily in the technical area, sorting out and cleaning ammunition. On 23 June, source observed that the area included six large workshops of reinforced concrete, each 30 x 50 meters. [redacted]

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8. An AA gun emplacement was north of the technical area, about 150 meters west of the guardhouse and about 1 km southwest of the Beeskov-Fuerstenwalde road. Three guns without muzzle brake, which source believed were 76-mm caliber, were surrounded by splinter-proof banks. No ballistic directors were noticed. The crew was quartered in a low temporary building. Several small bunkers which presumably stored ammunition were seen. Three camouflaged trucks and a camouflaged field kitchen were in the emplacement. [redacted]

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[redacted] ments.

The report contains details on the Soviet ammunition depot in Wilmsdorf which is believed to be the largest in Eastern Germany. The incoming shipments mentioned in paragraph 1 have been previously observed. [redacted]

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The AA protection of this ammunition depot is reported for the first time.

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